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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 3.

2. General Tom Phillips, Military Editor of the ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, told me today he plans to do an article regretting that you are leaving your post as Director of Central Intelligence, when, in General Phillips opinion, CIA is the only activity established by the National Security Act of 1947 that has been successful. For the years of intelligent and dedicated service to our Country that you have given, and for the heart that you have put into your work, as well as the excellence of the CIA, General Phillips believes strongly there should be no change in leadership or in the structural organization of the Agency. It doesn't have a perfect record, but it has an outstanding one. General Phillips says he does not need to see you to write his article. He has, as you know, stood by the DCI and the CIA and against a joint Congressional watchdog committee, notwithstanding the editorial position of his publisher that CIA should be under a Congressional watchdog committee.

3. Recommendation: That you telephone General Phillips (DI 7-8600) and express your appreciation of his understanding of the DCI and the CIA.

STANLEY J. GROGAN
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cc: DDCI

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